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IN THE CLAIMS:

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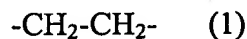
1. (Twice Amended) A fuel oil middle distillate composition comprising:

A) a mineral oil having a cloud point of less than -8°C , a boiling range (90-20%) of less than 120°C , a 95% distillation point of less than 350°C and a difference between CFPP and PP of less than 10°C , and

B) a flow improver consisting essentially of:

1) one or more copolymers present in an amount of 0.001 to 2% by weight, based on the weight of the oil, wherein the copolymers have melt viscosities of from 20 to 10,000 mPas at 140°C and wherein the copolymers consist essentially of a) and b):

a) bivalent structural unit (B1) present in an amount of from 85 to 97 mol%, wherein (B1) is a bivalent structural unit of formula (1)

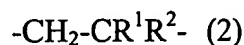


and

b) one or more bivalent structural units (B2) present in an amount of from 3 to 15 mol%,

wherein

(B2) is either a bivalent structural unit of formula (2):



in which

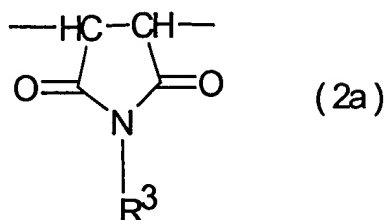
R^1 is hydrogen or methyl,

R^2 is COOR^3 , OR^3 or OCOR^3 , and

R^3 is an alkyl radical having at least 4 and at most 30 carbon atoms,

or

(B2) is a bivalent structural unit of formula (2a)



in which

R^3 is an alkyl radical having at least 4 and at most 30 carbon atoms,

wherein the copolymers optionally consist essentially of up to 4% by weight of vinyl acetate or up to 5% by weight of further comonomers except vinyl acetate; and

2) optionally an oil soluble co-additive selected from the group consisting of paraffin dispersants and vinyl-acetate containing copolymers or terpolymers of ethylene.